



Application No. 09/705,421
Amendment dated February 4, 2005
Response to Final Office Action of September 16, 2004

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re application of:)
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Bradley, Mark)
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Application No: 09/705,421)
10 Filed: November 2, 2000)
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For: MODULAR SOFTWARE METHOD FOR)
INDEPENDENT STORAGE NODES)
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Docket No: INSTP007B

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

35 This Amendment is being provided as a submittal to accompany a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please note that because the Final Office Action of September 16, 2004, was initially responded to within two months, the shortened statutory period for response extends to the date of the Advisory Action, January 4, 2005. Therefore, this Amendment and corresponding RCE are being submitted with a one-
40 month extension fee within the one-month period extending from the date of the Advisory Action to February 4, 2005. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Amendment.